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*Jesus said, "The last will be first,
and the first will be last."*

Matthew 20:16

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
September 24, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

Deacons: Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith,

Deacon Robert A. Becker, Deacon James Totino

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut • **Music Director:** Miss Erin Barrett

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,
except on Thursdays (closed after the
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person,
each Saturday in the church immediately following
the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning
Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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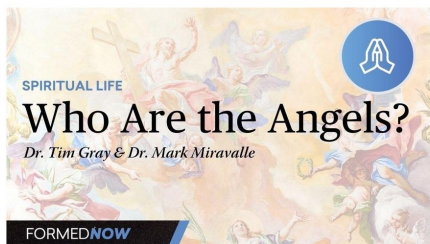
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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 24, 2023

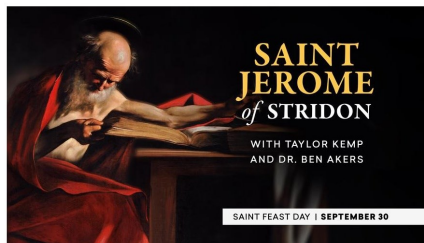
WATCH



Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?

LEARN



St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

LISTEN



Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes next week

Another one of our beautiful and much-needed ministries will be starting up again next week! Next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we will resume the Children's Liturgy of the Word, with children first grade and older being dismissed every first and third Sunday of the month at the 10:00 Mass to celebrate the Children's Liturgy of the Word. It's all explained in detail elsewhere in this bulletin.

Tremendous thanks go to Jenine Spina who runs the Children's Liturgy of the Word program, attending to every detail so carefully and so lovingly, and to all who serve in this ministry as Shepherds, Heralds, Junior Lectors, Cantors, and especially as Homilists. All of you are giving a tremendous gift to the children of the parish through this ministry! I do hope all our children first grade and older will take advantage of this special outreach to them.

The GOLDEN TICKET

I'm thrilled to announce that this year's **GOLDEN TICKET Raffle** is officially underway! Yes, the **GOLDEN TICKET** is returning once again! This is always a huge success here at OLPH, in addition to being a great deal of fun. Many, many thanks to Meg Danaher and Bob Meade, who have headed this up each year, and who are doing so again this year. This is always a big money-maker for the parish, and I'm sure with a little effort on everyone's part, it will be the same again this year. Make sure you are a part of it!

You know how it works: there are a limited number of tickets sold — exactly 500 — at \$100 per ticket; that's a total of \$50,000. Cash prizes will total \$20,000, leaving a \$30,000 profit for the parish (do I need to rehash again how desperately we need that income?). The drawing of winners is done at a fun-filled and exciting LIVE, IN-PERSON party, which this year will be held on Saturday night, November 18, starting at 7:00 p.m. in our auditorium. Each ticket purchased entitles the ticket holder to attend the party and to bring one (1) guest.

We will provide beverages at the party, but if you're looking to have snacks or munchies or sweets — or even dinner! — we encourage you to bring your own. Be creative and make it fun! Bring your favorite homemade treat or family favorite, and maybe even share it with others! That will definitely add to the good time.

Trust me — you don't want to miss out on this great parish event! It is always a great time. Buy your own ticket, go in with others on several tickets, and maximize your chances to win. Help us out by spreading the word to family and friends; you don't

have to be a parishioner of OLPH (heck, you don't even have to be Catholic!) in order to purchase a ticket and win a prize.

Tickets are now on sale, and are available at the rectory during regular office hours, and from the Chairs of the event, the aforementioned Bob Meade and Meg Danaher. See the flyer in this week's bulletin for full information. Thank you in advance for your help with this vitally important parish fundraiser.

Let me suggest something to you that would be a big help: would you be willing to take a batch of, say, five or ten tickets, and commit to selling them yourself — for example, among family members, or friends outside the parish, or at work? This would be a great way for all of us to do our part to get all 500 tickets sold. We would have to ask you to make sure to follow through on the commitment to get the tickets sold — it would be disastrous if one week before the event we found out we had all these unsold tickets we thought were sold — but if you think you could do this, please let Chairs and Ticket Coordinators Bob Meade or Meg Danaher know, and they'll be more than happy to work with you.

Keep watching the bulletin each week for full information about **The GOLDEN TICKET for 2023!**

SUMMER APPEAL total

As you know, I always keep you in the loop concerning the results of our fundraising efforts, so let me announce to you the total for this year's Summer Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we took in a total of \$52,200. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** OLPH parishioners are always so, so generous!

Interestingly, the 2023 total is down from last year's amount of \$60,525 (and even more so from 2021, when the total was \$65,277). I guess this is understandable given the horrible economic conditions everyone is facing, and so please know that I am extremely grateful to everyone who participated and made a gift to the Appeal. Your generosity to, dedication to, and love for, OLPH truly make this parish "the place to be."

The good news is that 100% of that money stays right here in the parish, unlike what happens when there is a summer bazaar and vendors need to be paid. The bad news is that the money has already been spent, as it has been used for our own ever-increasing bills and expenses, including ongoing repairs.

We're still looking to sign up new Altar Servers!

Don't forget that we're still in active recruiting mode for new altar servers; see the information elsewhere in this bulletin. Girls and boys 4th grade and older are invited and encouraged to sign up. The deadline for signing up is **October 2**, which is coming soon, because I will begin the training sessions shortly after that. C'mon, moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas — encourage your kiddies to sign up! I look forward to working with all our new Altar Servers!

We're now also looking for more Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers

Actually, we're looking to add to the ranks of ALL our liturgical ministers — Ushers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, both as Extraordinary Ministers to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, and, for those who wish to do so and go on for further training, to bring Communion to the sick and the homebound. We are actively recruiting for those ministries also!

If you are not already involved in one of those ministries, **NOW** is the time for **YOU** to step forward and make this important offering of service to the parish. Pray about it and consider it seriously. It is a tremendous blessing to serve in one of these ministries. I know everyone feels they are not worthy enough, but the truth is no one is worthy, not even we priests; nonetheless, we respond to the call to serve the Lord and His Church. (Am I putting enough pressure on you? Good!)

Full details are elsewhere in the bulletin, and yes, I'm looking for **YOU**!

Offerer Appreciation Party

As you can see from the announcement elsewhere in this bulletin, the Offerer Appreciation Party is ON for Friday night, October 6, so to those who are coming: bring your appetite and your dancing shoes, and be prepared to have a good time!

If you offer your time and your talent in one of our ministries or organizations and would like to come but have not yet responded, we can still squeeze you in! Respond ASAP and don't miss out on the fun and the opportunity for us to show our appreciation to you.

Farewell to Fr. Jacob

Alas, the time has come for us to say farewell to Fr. Jacob, who will be leaving us at the end of this week to return home. As always, it was wonderful to have him with us and to be enriched by his priestly presence and ministry — including his giving an Adult Faith Formation course during his time here! Fr. Jacob has been a good, good friend to me and to the parish for many years now and we wish him blessings, good health and safety in the upcoming year.

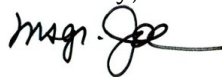
Needless to say, we look forward to his return next summer!

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: **LOVE IS A GIFT.**

Sincerely,



Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

Thursday, October 5th

7:30 p.m. in the church



Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside 45 minutes to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals Wednesday, OCTOBER 4



5:30 p.m. on the rectory lawn
(in auditorium in case of inclement weather)

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis has contributed so much to the life of our Church, in so many ways. One of the things he is noted for is recognition of God's presence in all of creation, including animals.

We invite all members of our parish community (even those that crawl, fly and have four legs) to come for a special prayer service and blessing. Following the service, there will be refreshments for all, including our human family members and friends.



And, in the spirit of St. Francis, we ask all who attend the prayer service to bring a food or non-food donation for our food pantry. Please see page 14 for specific needs.



OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings that come from our parish community because of YOU!!! All who offer their time and talent in our parish ministries are invited!

Thanks to all who responded so quickly to the

OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

IT'S ON!

Friday, October 6

6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.



Feustel-Kurdt Post 1120, American Legion, 80 Herbert Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

Any last minute responses should go to Josephine Vagelatos at the rectory, 631-226-7725 at ext. 206 or you can email her at jvagelatos@oloph.org.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE

Special hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. These hosts contain less than 0.001% gluten content and are approved for the Roman Catholic Church by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you need to receive Holy Communion using one of these hosts, please stop in the sacristy before Mass begins to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY at 10:00 a.m. MASS BEGINS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1!

Allowing children to participate fully in the liturgical life of the parish is an important goal which we strive to attain here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Children should have every opportunity to understand what worship is all about and to be formed by the rites of the Church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist. In order to achieve this goal, we are happy to resume the **Children's Liturgy of the Word**, which will take place **every first and third Sunday of the month** at the 10:00 a.m. Mass **beginning again on Sunday, October 1.**

Where does the idea of the Children's Liturgy of the Word come from?

It comes out of the *Directory for Masses with Children* which tells us in paragraph 17, "Sometimes, if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word."

How does the Children's Liturgy of the Word work?

After the Collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass), children **first-grade and older** are invited to come forward to the sanctuary to receive a special dismissal. They are then escorted to a separate chapel set up in the north sacristy of the church, where they listen to that Sunday's readings as proclaimed from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. These are the same readings everyone else is hearing in the church, but in a slightly different translation that is easier for children to understand. A special homily is then given to the children to help them understand the readings. This Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful), as the children pray intercessions together. Meanwhile, the Liturgy of the Word has continued as usual in the church. The children return to the church at the beginning of the collection/presentation of the gifts, and participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist as usual.

What is the purpose of the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

The purpose of this is not to offer a babysitting service, nor is it to isolate the children or to make them feel unwelcome. Rather, it is actually an act of hospitality to them: they will be given the chance to listen to the Sunday readings and participate in a homily that will be on their level, and yet still be a part of the worshiping assembly, since they participate in all other parts of the Mass. It does require a certain maturity level and ability to focus, so it is intended for **first-grade children and older**, not kindergartners, pre-schoolers or toddlers. **Parents do not accompany their children;** we have specially trained adult "shepherds" who will keep watch.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church.

Ideally, parents and children then talk to each other on the ride home or later in the day about what they heard in their respective homilies. In this way, God's Word continues to be alive and active in the family's faith life.

Suppose I want my child to stay with me in the main body of the church?

That's fine; parents are in no way required to send their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and no child is forced to participate. Children are welcome to stay in the main body of the church and to participate in the Liturgy of the Word there, where the usual readings and homily will take place. Since we think this is a great opportunity for children, though, we do hope you will encourage your child to participate.

What about the weeks when the Children's Liturgy of the Word is not held?

On weeks other than the first and third Sunday of the month, children simply stay with their parents for the entire Mass, being formed in what it means to participate in Eucharist through their weekly attendance. We hope that parents will continue to talk about the readings and other parts of the Mass with their children on an ongoing basis!

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER: ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

Why not become an altar server? We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **4th grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade, or even older!)**, you are invited to become an altar server. Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue.** *No phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to msgrio@oloph.org*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, RESPOND BEFORE MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

Sorry...no responses can be accepted after October 2!

Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS BEFORE OCT. 2!**

Name _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail _____@_____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____/_____/_____

Family Envelope/Registration Number _____ *****Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion _____

School Grade you are in as of September 2023 _____

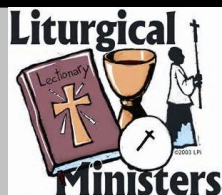
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_____ I go to Catholic school; Name of School _____

_____ I am Home Schooled



LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!

**OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW LECTORS, USHERS AND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

What do Extraordinary Ministers do?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

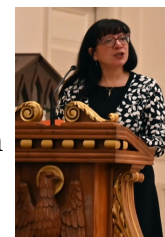
1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631-226-1354 or e-mail to gospa254@gmail.com.
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgrjoe@oloph.org requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions (see below). If you wish to also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, you must attend a separate "Part B" training session. Information about that session can be obtained in your interview with Msgr. Joe.

What do Lectors do?

Lectors proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.

How Do I Become A Lector?

1. You must contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to DeaconRobert9550@gmail.com
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.



LECTORS

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville
(Our own Msgr. Joe will be the presenter at this one on October 10!)
Wednesday, November 29,
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Brookville

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART A" FOR ALL MINISTERS

Tuesday, October 10,
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville
(Our own Msgr. Joe will be the presenter at this one on October 10!)

Wednesday, November 29,
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Brookville

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART B" FOR THOSE WHO WILL BRING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Tuesday, October 24,
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,
St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

What do Ushers do?

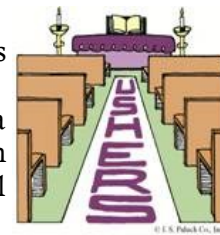
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

Who Should Become an Usher?

Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for **families to do together...the young ones can do this with parents and older children!**

How Do I Become an Usher?

You should contact Mike Williams at olphushersministry@gmail.com or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, 631-226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.



All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. For information about becoming Virtus compliant: contact Helene Calabrese at hcalab2@optonline.net.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.”

- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

The *Friends of Music* is an initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Through the generosity of our *Friends*, we are able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2023 season.

Contributions are used to support the music program including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind and string instruments for special liturgies on Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Contributions can be given at the following levels:

- St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)
- St. Gregory the Great (\$100 to \$199)
- St. Augustine (\$50 to \$99)
- St. Ambrose (\$25 to \$49)
- Cherubim (up to \$24)

It will be primarily through the support of the *Friends of Music* that we will be able to expand our ability to produce high-quality music in our majestic church for the praise and glory of God. To make a contribution by mail, simply send a check made payable to OLPH to:

OLPH Friends of Music
210 South Wellwood Avenue
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Erin Barrett at ebarrett@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210. Thank you for your support of our Music Ministry.

As of August 31st, 2023

St. Cecilia

Mr. and Mrs. David and Mary Ellen Barrett, *in memory of Ryan Barrett*
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, *in memory of Marcy and Bill DeGrocco*
Annette Walsh, *in memory of Mary Beth Walsh and in honor of Kevin Walsh*
Annette Walsh, *in honor of Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco*

St. Gregory the Great

Deacon Bill and Michele Crosby, *in honor of Bill and Michele's 50th Wedding Anniversary*
Mr. Stephen Strigaro
Mrs. Janina Soroka, *in memory of John Soroka & Maria and Anthony Jankowski*

St. Augustine

Mr. Lillian Vilardi, *in memory of Nick and Danny Vilardi*
Mr. and Mrs. Rich and MaryAnn Haas, *in memory of Margaret McDonald*

St. Ambrose

Mr. Chris Ferraro, *in honor of Deacon Jim Totino*
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and Kathleen Figalora, *in memory of Rocco Figalora*
Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Linda Arpino, *in memory of Judith Ann Walsh & Mary and Fred Arpino*
Anonymous
Mrs. Patricia Little, *in memory of Jane Doyle-Gustafson*

St. Hildegard of Bingen

Mrs. Dorothy Dausend, *in memory of John & James Jordan*
Mrs. Katherine Whittaker, *in memory of Eileen Whittaker*
Mrs. Rosaleen Walters, *in memory of George Walters*



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

THE GOLDEN TICKET

Saturday, November 18, 2023

7:00 p.m.

in the OLPH Auditorium

Are you wondering, "What is The Golden Ticket?"

It's a major and much needed fundraiser,
with an excellent chance of winning a monetary prize!
Unlike a typical raffle...the last ticket pulled is the \$10,000 grand prize winner!
The excitement builds as the drawing goes on!

Winner need not be present! Golden Ticket Holders and one guest may attend.

Refreshments will be served including beer, wine, soda and water and we recommend and encourage attendees to bring some homemade favorite foods/snacks for their friends and fellow parishioners to share.

- 1st ticket drawn - \$500
- 50th ticket drawn - \$200
- 100th ticket drawn - \$200
- 150th ticket drawn - \$200
- 200th ticket drawn - \$200
- 250th ticket drawn - \$200
- 300th ticket drawn - \$200
- 350th ticket drawn - \$200
- 400th ticket drawn - \$200



- 450th ticket drawn - \$200
- 491st ticket drawn - \$300
- 492nd ticket drawn - \$400
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- 497th ticket drawn - \$900
- 498th ticket drawn - \$1000

499th Ticket drawn - \$2,500 500th Ticket drawn - \$10,000

Golden Tickets are on sale at the rectory during regular office hours. Tickets will also be available outside the church after all Masses the weekends of October 7/8 and 21/22 and after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on November 1. You can also enclose bottom portion of this form with a check made payable to OLPH and return to rectory at 210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY, 11757 Attn: Golden Ticket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Number of Golden Tickets @\$100 each _____

The Golden Ticket coordinators are Meg Danaher (631) 704-1201 & Bob Meade (631) 455-3916

"OLPH is a Section 501©3 nonprofit. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine if your contribution is deductible.

Winners are responsible for all taxes."

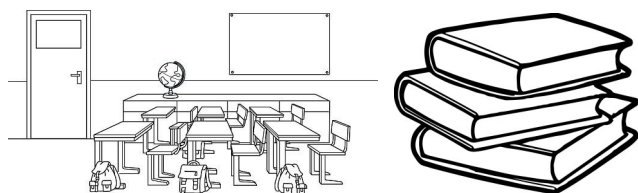
OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment Only

**All Students/Parents/Guardians will meet
 in the church on the first day of classes!
 Levels 3-5: September 30th at 11:15 a.m.**

**First Day in the Classroom**

Levels 6, 7 and 8:

September 27th at 6:30 p.m.

**Levels 1 and 2: September 30th at regular
 scheduled class time.**

Registration Is Closing

Classes have been made and spots are limited! Letters have been mailed to registered families with the schedule for the new year. Early and regular Registration are now CLOSED. For any late registrations that come in there will be an additional \$30 late fee. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family Appointment” or to call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students — including those with siblings already in the program — **must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.**

New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or e-mailing us. Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2023-2024 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

We can't wait to meet you!

The Saints are Coming!**The Saints are Coming!**

Did you have fun playing bingo with all the Saints last year? If you said yes, then we have great news for you. THE HAPPY SAINTS ARE BACK AND ALL NEW! Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 30th and October 1st for the first official Happy Saint Card of the year! Can you pray with them all?



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631.226.6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725 x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

NEW Food Pantry List!

PASTA
SPAGHETTI SAUCE
BAKED BEANS
RICE
JUICES
SOUPS
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
SYRUP
PANCAKE MIX
CANNED VEGETABLES

Thank you
 for your continued generosity.
 Cut out this list and bring it with you
 when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor” by assisting 119 adults, 94 children, and 18 seniors, for a total of 77 families. Thank you!

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

15TH ANNUAL SVDPLI



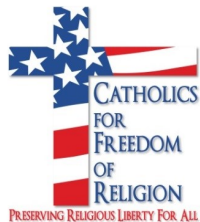
Friends of the Poor 5K Walk



TOGETHER
WE GO FAR
2023

This weekend, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be outside of church after every Mass collecting donations for the Friends of the Poor Walk. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity. Thanks to you, we are able to continue our mission of helping the needy in our parish.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**Defense of the Religious Freedom of Firefighters, High School Football Players, Navy Seals, Catholic Schools and Parishes, Right to Life Groups —
Defended Pro Bono by Law Firms of Dedicated Attorneys**

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution definitively protects the conscience rights and free exercise of faith of all Americans. Each year, however, the denials of First Amendment religious freedom become more numerous, unmistakable, and severe. The increased vandalism and destruction of statues, shrines and churches parallels an increasing intolerance for believers and their right to worship, let alone bring their faith into the public square of ideas as was intended by our founders. Founding Father John Adams said, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

Americans whose religious freedom is denied can contact multiple law firms, mostly supported by donations, which focus on defending their conscience rights as well as their right to openly live their faith in schools, communities, work, the military and the larger public square. For example, First Liberty Institute of Plano, TX successfully defended Coach Kennedy, a school football coach fired by his school district for taking a knee after football games to pray, silently and alone, on the 50-yard line. Over time players from both teams voluntarily came to join Coach Kennedy in silent prayer. After seven years of court action the Supreme Court’s opinion was that Coach Kennedy and all public school teachers may engage in brief personal prayer in public view of others, including students.

Another example is the lawsuit filed by Becket Law to gain access for Catholics to Colorado’s universal government-funded preschool at the public or private school of the parents’ choice. The state, however, denies this benefit to students in Catholic preschools.

Also, Thomas More Society attorneys successfully challenged Illinois state’s new law which attacked pro-life maternal healthcare centers. Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys have defended prospective adoptive parents against several states’ laws which deny adoption to parents who do not agree with the state’s gender ideology.

Knowing there is support available to protect religious liberty empowers us to preserve that liberty.

Read more here: bit.ly/462oyOd bit.ly/483La2K bit.ly/3ExdtJe

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2023 OPEN HOUSES!

St. Mary's High School	-	Sunday, September 24 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
St. Anthony's High School	-	Saturday, September 30 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy Academy	-	Sunday, October 1 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kellenberg Memorial High School	-	Saturday, October 14 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chaminade High School	-	Saturday, October 14 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Academy	-	Saturday, October 14 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School	-	Sunday, October 15 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School	-	Saturday, October 21 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. Dominic High School	-	Sunday, October 22 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 4, 2023

REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.TACHSINFO.COM REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 26, 2023

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

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Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Carole Carrano, Parish Secretary	212	ccarrano@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Jill Marie Delano, Business Manager	204	jdelano@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Gregory Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon

Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Deacon James Totino

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jill Marie Delano
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
John Reynolds

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
Erin Barrett
Deacon Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Kenneth Hale
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams
Fr. Frank Zero

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Third Announcement:

Ryan Hewitt & Falon Kirby
Kyle Tomacheski & Alexa Policano
Anthony Cassio & Jennifer Kobelski

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

8:00 A.M. MASS

*For the Repose
of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family*

*Requested by the Estate of
Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy*

*Rev. Msgr. Daniel S.
Hamilton*

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WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

Jane Vasaturo
Cecilia Pfeiffer

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Our **Fall Bereavement Group** will meet **through November 18 in Room 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Frank Farrugia</i>	<i>Vincenza Camusa</i>
<i>Nora McMahon</i>	<i>Carl Zoccali</i>
<i>Patricia and</i>	<i>John Steel</i>
<i>Richard Kieczkowski</i>	<i>Laurell Desner</i>
<i>Diane Schneider</i>	<i>Vincent Crisostomo</i>
<i>Gina Virgilio</i>	<i>John Steel Sr.</i>
<i>John Leyden</i>	<i>Martin Lafferty</i>
<i>Monica Ortiz</i>	<i>Victoria Gallagher</i>
<i>Lina Avila</i>	<i>Baby Riley Ann Gallagher</i>
<i>Monica Pulla</i>	<i>Johanna Cito</i>
<i>Anthony Cassio</i>	<i>Annette Walsh</i>
<i>Christine Ajello-Larsen</i>	
<i>Sandra McGuckin</i>	

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 6 - Developing Baby -

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, September 25— Weekday

6:30 Frank Joseph Abate

12:15 Alice Marie Lucas

TUESDAY, September 26— Weekday (Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs)

6:30 Cynthia Scarallo

12:15 Carmela Mingione

WEDNESDAY, September 27— Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:30 Zbigniew Krzysztof Rusin

12:15 Cynthia Breitfeller

THURSDAY, September 28— Weekday (Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs)

6:30 Larry Bennett Anderson

12:15 Valerie J. Benkert

FRIDAY, September 29— Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

6:30 Luca Gargiulo

12:15 Susan O'Connell

SATURDAY, September 30— Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Valerie Benkert

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 Dario & Steven Shipsey

Sunday, October 1— TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Perpetual Help Mass (*List on P. 17*)

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Giovanni D'Amore

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 23

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Room 12

12:45 p.m. Devotions Church

2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting Room 24

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Church

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting St. Lucy Room

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Room 12

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

2:30 p.m. Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information) Off Campus

6:30 p.m. Levels 6, 7, 8 Classes School

Thursday, September 28, 2023

1:00 p.m.-on Church closed for cleaning Church

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Church

6:30 p.m. CYO Track South Parking Lot

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, September 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Room 12

Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Levels 1-5 and Sp. Ed. Classes School

11:15 a.m. Levels 3, 4 and 5 Commitment Service Church

11:30 a.m. Bereavement Ministry Room 22

2:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Registration Cafeteria

3:00 p.m. Wedding Church

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, October 1, 2023

10:00 a.m. OCIA Room 18

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida.

Le invita a alabar y glorificar a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

Lecturas del Domingo 25th del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

Domingo 24 de Septiembre del 2023

“Busquen al Señor mientras se le encuentra. Invóquenlo cuando todavía está cerca”, dice el profeta Isaías. Dios mismo sale en nuestra búsqueda, dice el mensaje de hoy. Que el Señor se les haga encontradizo, y que permanezca siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Isaías 55,6-9): Busca los Caminos del Señor

Dios está muy cerca de nosotros. Deberíamos buscarle y aprender a pensar y a obrar al modo de Dios. Mi meta y mi oración es que en este mensaje usted que crea en Cristo aprenda a buscarlo continuamente para mantenerse en el amor de Dios. No hay una persona para la que este texto sea irrelevante, es para todos. Buscar a Dios por medio de su Hijo Jesucristo debe ser nuestro principal objetivo. Eso requiere una actitud de entrega, diligencia, perseverancia, confianza y humildad. Para buscar al Señor, ¿qué acciones podemos tomar? acción es para todo el que crea en DIOS y en su hijo Jesucristo y si tomamos en serio la decisión de buscar a Dios, también tenemos que tomar en serio la decisión de apartarnos del pecado. Que nuestra conducta y nuestros pensamientos sean agradables a Dios. Porque no podemos vivir en Dios si practicamos o planeamos el pecado. Nunca es tarde para comenzar.

Segunda Lectura (Filipenses 1,20c-24, 27a): Para Mí, “Vida” Significa Cristo

Para Pablo no tiene mucha importancia vivir o morir. Si vive, sirve a Cristo; si muere, estará con Cristo. Pero está dispuesto a seguir trabajando generosamente al servicio del evangelio. La muerte para un hombre carnal y mundano es una gran pérdida por que pierde todas sus comodidades de este mundo y todos sus sueños y metas; pero para el verdadero discípulo del señor es una ganancia porque al morir se aliberado de todas sus debilidades y miserias humanas, de todos los males de esta vida, y lo lleva a poseer el bien principal, la vida eterna.

Evangelio (Mateo 20,1-16a): Dios Es Generoso para con Todos. Un Dios Increíblemente Bueno

Cuando se nos ocurre pensar en ello, con frecuencia no podemos entender la bondad extrema de Dios. ¿Por qué es tan paciente con los pecadores? ¿Por qué regala sus dones a gente que, en nuestra opinión, no los merece, o los desperdicia? Pero los caminos de Dios no son nuestros caminos, sus pensamientos no siempre son nuestros pensamientos. Pidamos en esta eucaristía a Jesús, el Señor, que nuestros pensamientos y nuestras obras vayan siendo, cada vez más, como los de Dios. El dueño de la viña pregunto a los que habían trabajado por más tiempo y más fuerte “que no puedo ser generoso con lo que es mío. El punto es que la gracia, la misericordia, el amor, el perdón son de Dios y la da a quien él le parece. Su amor y su misericordia es para todos sin límites y el regalo que nos ofrece el la salvación de nuestra alma.



Estamos parados en la eternidad, las sediciones de hoy tienen consecuencias eternas, es de suma importancia dar un vistazo a nuestra vida, pensar que hoy puede ser nuestro último día de vida. Estamos listos para enfrentar Lajusticia Divina? Busquemos pues a aquel que nos amó hasta la muerte.

Domingo Respeto a la Vida

El Domingo, 1 de octubre es dedicado a celebrar el Respeto a la Vida. Celebrando este Domingo del Respeto a la Vida, recordamos que asaltos a la dignidad de la vida humana esta ocurriendo de muchas maneras. La Oficina al Respeto a la Vida Humana esta a cargo de seguir llevando este profundo compromiso de Pro-Vida a todas las actividades de educación de las Parroquias. Por favor apoye este importante y vital trabajo participando con su colecta en el sobre especial para Respeto a la Vida. Muy agradecidos con nuestras oraciones por su colaboración.

OFFERING UPDATE September 16/17			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	238	98	\$2,383.00
8:00 a.m.	175	98	3,409.00
10:00 a.m.	290	66	2,178.00
12:00 p.m.	300	82	2,958.00
Total coin:			4.16
Faith Direct			3,473.87
Children's Env.		4	17.00
Mail-ins:			1,276.00
TOTAL	1,003	348	\$15,699.03
2022	918	334	\$16,585.19
Candles			\$800.66
Poor Box			\$244.60



TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

Jean, Yves-Nelly & Annalie Lavaud
Mrs. Marie Lavaud
Marc & Kathleen Musolino & Luke Crowley
Kenneth & Kelly O'Brien, Killian O'Brien & Thomas DeNardo
Andrew DiGiacomo
Stephen Andolina & Catherine Billi
John Schatz & Jennifer Ginexi & Zoey Schatz
Joseph, Joanne, Jocelyn, Juliana, Josie & Jack Calderon
Frenal, Magda & Fred Mezilas

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org. **no later than the dates listed below.**
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

October 1—deadline passed
 October 8—September 29 deadline
 October 15—October 6 deadline




Lindenhurst Oktoberfest

Wellwood Avenue Closed
Next Sunday, October 1
12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

No car traffic will be allowed on Wellwood Avenue between John Street & West Gates Ave. due to vendors. Remember to add extra travel time to arrive at church in order to obtain a parking spot and be on time for Mass on Sunday.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1 is *Respect Life Sunday*. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.



PREPARING FOR Sunday, October 1, 2023 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11

Ezekiel 18:25-28

In this reading, Ezekiel tells his fellow exiles in Babylon that each individual will be held responsible for his/her individual sin. For the Israelites this was a radical new teaching. Until now, they believed in what is called "corporate responsibility" which meant that they were now paying for the sins of their ancestors. (Hence the words, "the Lord's ways are not fair.") Ezekiel states clearly that we are responsible only for our own sins. If the sinner repents he will experience a whole new beginning with God. Conversely, if the virtuous person sins, he will pay for his sins.

Philippians 2:1-11

While in prison, Paul has heard from his visitors about the bickering and divisions occurring amongst his beloved Philippians. From the deepest recesses of his heart he appeals to them to change their destructive ways. Because they have been baptized into Christ, they are called to live in a fellowship that should be characterized by love, humility, mutual respect, altruism and unity. As their model for this transformation process, Paul holds up for his readers Jesus who, even though he was God, was willing to surrender his equality with God in order to become fully human. He was willing to forgo his innocence to take on the sins of humanity.

Matthew 21:28-32

This is the first of three consecutive parables in Matthew on the theme of judgment day and how we will be responsible for our poor choices. The one who is faithful to the call will be rewarded, and the one who does not respond will be sorry. When Jesus asks the chief priests and elders which of the two sons did the Father's will, he is inviting them to pass judgment on themselves. The first son stands for sinners (tax collectors, prostitutes, etc.) who initially said "no" to God, but are now saying "yes" to Jesus. The second son represents Jesus' audience, the religious leaders of the Jewish people. They are the recipients of God's revelation. They, or their ancestors, at one time said "yes" to God, but now they are saying "no" to him by their rejection of Jesus. The first group in cooperation with the grace of God was able to have a change of mind and thereby open their hearts to Jesus. The latter group refused to have a change of mind and heart and therefore were shut out of the kingdom.

Gospel Reflection

After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Using the idea of "conversion," discuss the two sons from this reading. Which one needed to change and turn toward his father? Are you presently in need of conversion in any area of your life? What counts more in building community, saying some good words, or actually doing some good deeds? At which one are you better, words or deeds?

2. Jesus told the chief priests and elders that "when John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him." Why didn't they believe John the Baptist? Was it hard for them to change their minds and think in new ways? Is it hard for you?

Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.

Monday, September 25, 2023:

Ezra 1:1-6 + Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26, 2023:

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 + Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27, 2023:

Ezra 9:5-9 + Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 28, 2023:

Haggai 1:1-8 + Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 29, 2023:

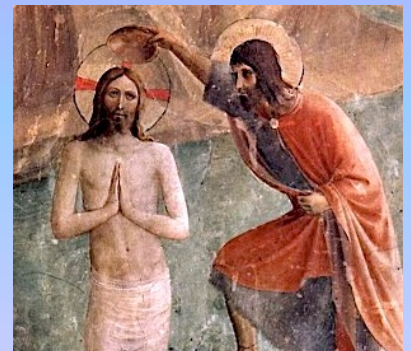
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 + John 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30, 2023:

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
+ Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday, October 1, 2023:

Ezekiel 18:25-28
+ Philippians 2:1-11
+ Matthew 21:28-32





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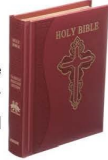

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